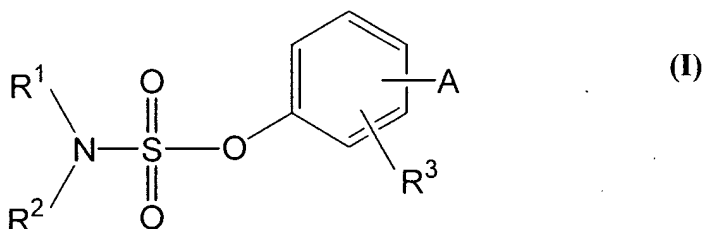


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts:

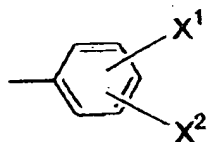


wherein:

R¹ and R² each independently represent a hydrogen atom;

R³ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, -OSO₂NR¹R², a lower alkanoylamino group, a nitro group or a cyano group; and

A represents a group represented by the following formula:



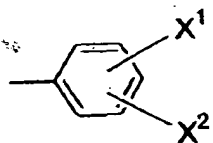
where X¹ and X² each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a halogen-substituted lower alkyl group, a cyano-substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an organic sulfonyloxy group, an amino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, -NHSO₂NR¹R², an organic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group or a lower alkoxycarbonyl group,
or a naphthyl group;

provided that, when R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, either X^1 or X^2 represents a group which is not a hydrogen atom.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein R^3 represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein A is located at the 4-position.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein A represents a group represented by the following formula:



where X^1 and X^2 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a halogen-substituted lower alkyl group, a cyano-substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an organic sulfonyloxy group, an amino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, - $NHSO_2NR^1R^2$, an organic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group or a lower alkoxycarbonyl group.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 20 wherein X^1 and X^2 are each located at the 2- or 4-position of the phenyl group.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) A steroid sulfatase inhibitor containing a steroid sulfatase-inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18.

Claim 24 (Cancelled)

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of breast cancer, which comprises administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18, to a human being in need thereof.